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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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International Application No.: PCT/FI97/00605

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For: AN ELECTRIC MACHINE CONSTRUCTION AND A METHOD FOR AN ELECTRIC MACHINE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 7, 1999

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims, as set forth in the amended sheets in the International Application, as follows:

1. (Amended) An electric machine construction, comprising:
a stator space [(9)] defined by a shell [(8)] and end portions [(6)] at both ends of the shell [(8)],
a stator [means] and a rotor [means (20)] having a first end and a second end disposed within said stator space [(9)],
[characterized by] comprising
at least one cooling medium inlet opening [(14, 34)] in the shell [(8)] and positioned